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Young LGBTQ Haligonians on why Halifax Pride is so important

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COLE HARBOUR

Crosby mum on Cup plans



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

We know what Sidney Crosby will be doing with the Stanley Cup one day this weekend, when the hometown kid parades it through Cole Harbour on Saturday, but he's being tight lipped about his plans for his second day with the Cup.

"I don't know if I want to necessarily go into details, but we'll have a lotta things planned," Crosby said during a press conference at Cole Harbour Place on Wednesday.

"The biggest thing is I wanna enjoy it. It's gonna go by quick, but you try to get it to as many people as possible, and let as many people enjoy it."

Asked whether he'd be drinking beer from the Cup, Crosby said, "I thought that was automatic."

"A lotta those things, they're not planned. They're just kinda random," he said. "Usually that kinda spur of the moment thing is what you end of remembering the most."

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Storm lights up the city

WEATHER

Tuesday night thunder a result of high humidity, heat



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A thunderstorm that lit up both the sky and social media in Halifax Tuesday night was a rare occurrence, statistically speaking.

"You're not a hotbed for thunderstorms. If you were really a thunderstorm wienie you wouldn't go to Halifax," Environment Canada senior climatologist Dave Phillips said in an interview Wednesday.

"If you rank (cities) from most thunder to the least thunder, Halifax comes up to be 81 out of 100 in terms of thunderstorm days."

While a thunderstorm can result in thousands of strikes, Phillips said Tuesday night's event resulted in about 51 "cloud to ground" strikes in the greater Halifax area.

The light show lasted roughly



Tuesday night's thunder and lightning storm seen from the Halifax waterfront. CONTRIBUTED/TJ MAGUIRE

an hour and was the result of high humidity following some of the warmest temperatures of the year so far.

"You got up to 29 degrees

in Halifax, about five degrees warmer than it should be for this time of the year... At 29 degrees, you have fuel for popup thunderstorms," Phillips said.

"The temperature at the time (of the thunderstorm) was 17 degrees, but the dew points were very high. In other words, the humidity was high and your temperature was lukewarm."

The three million lightning strikes in Canada annually result in an average 10 deaths. Thunderstorm warnings are only issued if there could be continuous lightning, hail, strong winds, heavy rain, or a tornado

threat.

Phillips said Nova Scotia tends to get the majority of its relatively rare thunderstorms during the month of July.

Although Tuesday night's thunderstorm wasn't the first one this year, Phillips believes it got so much attention because of the time it occurred (many people were awake) and because of how rare it is.

"It wasn't a ho-hum thing. It was, 'Oh my gosh, get out there and take pictures of it!' It was a buzz," he said.

"It's like snowing in July, or a big dump of snow in Van-

couver."

The chances of being hit by lightning are rare, but Phillips said they always advise people to find shelter.

"If you hear (thunder) and then count one steamboat, two steamboats and get to 12 steamboats and then hear the thunder, you divide by three and know that the storm is four kilometres away," he said.

"If you see the lightning and then hear the thunder immediately after, you know the storm is over top of you and you should have long ago sought shelter."



The suspect. CONTRIBUTED

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Police seek info on suspect

Halifax police are looking for a suspect after nine incidents of property damage in the south end over the past few months.

Police say car windows were smashed out in each of the incidents between April 29 and July 11. Six of the nine incidents happened overnight, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, police said.

Police have a photo of a potential suspect described as possibly Asian or aboriginal, about 20 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall. Police said he was wearing a grey hoodie at the time.

Police ask anyone with information to call them. METRO

IN BRIEF

Plane forced to land in field

An investigation is underway after a small plane made an unexpected landing in a farmer's field near Division Road in Nova Scotia on Wednesday following a distress call. The single occupant of the plane was not injured, and declined any medical attention. The RCMP have turned the investigation over to the Transportation Safety Board. METRO

+ NOT-SO-STORMY STATISTICS

■ If you rank Canadian cities from ones getting the most thunder to the least, Phillips said Halifax ranks 81 out of 100 in thunderstorm days with an average of 10.69/day

■ Kentville gets 12 per

year, Moncton 12.5, and Fredericton about 15.

■ The hotbed for thunderstorms in the Maritimes is Edmundston, which gets an estimated 18 per year.



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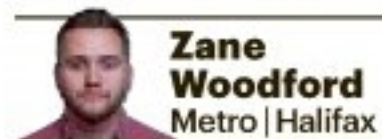
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Sid's words about being home

COLE HARBOUR

Crosby on his return, and that street name thing



Zane Woodford
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Sidney Crosby, in his own words, from Wednesday afternoon's media availability during a break from his week-long hockey school at Cole Harbour Place.

On being home:

"It just feels right. Just being home around friends and family ... Regardless of how busy you are, when you're here, I think it's just for whatever reason you just feel comfortable and you just feel relaxed. It's why I come back every summer, and it's exciting to see everyone. With having won, there's a little bit more excitement too, which makes it a lot of fun ... I think other

than people kind of being really excited and wanting to know when the Cup's coming. I think that it feels just like home, just like when you come back every year. But I think there seems to be a little more excitement with knowing that the Cup's coming back and people are happy with the run and excited for it."

On the possibility of a street or Cole Harbour Place being named after him:

"I think it's a compliment and I'm flattered by it. That's up to other people. When I think of Forest Hills Parkway or all those things, that's the way I remember it, but it may be different for others. Like I said it's a compliment and I'm honoured by it, but I have no expectation either way."

On the importance of the Sidney Crosby Hockey School:

"I have great memories of going to hockey camps, and regardless of whether you go on to play in the NHL, or even continue to play hockey next year, I think it's a great opportunity for kids to come out and



Sidney Crosby takes a moment from coaching kids at his annual Hockey School to answer some questions from the media at Cole Harbour Place on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

meet other kids, learn a little bit about the game, all the things that are great about it. But a big part of the camp is

just being active, and playing all kinds of sports. So hockey is the main focus for obvious reasons, but the feel is just

to be active and try to have a great week and have as much fun as we can. Just kinda opening that up to kids and mak-

ing sure that they have a great experience with it."

On getting some rest this summer:

"It's a pretty short summer. That's the challenge I think for going deep into the playoffs, you've gotta find a way to kind of manage the work and rest at the same time. With the World Cup being right around the corner, it'll be a busy summer, but I feel like a big part of why I come home is just you get that feel you're relaxed even though you're training."

On this year's Team Canada for the World Cup:

"I think that passion is usually something that just comes along with wearing the Team Canada jersey. So regardless of when or where, that's something that's a given ... We'll have to find our own identity pretty quickly, but I would think that any team that's gonna have success over that month or so is gonna have to get better and improve and it's only a one game kind of scenario, so you have to execute pretty well."



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COMMUNITY

LGBTQ people find joy, hope and fellowship



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Young LGBTQ people in Halifax say more needs to be done around transphobia, stereotyping and inclusion — but right now the power of celebration is up front.

The 29th annual Halifax Pride kicks off Thursday and runs until July 24 with dozens of events celebrating gay, lesbian, trans, bi-sexual and all queer or gender-non-conforming folks with dances, panel discussions, a block party and the Pride Parade.

"Pride means a lot to me. It's not just being able to tell someone you're gay and not get beat up," said Marcos Mena Cruz, 17. "I'm from Cuba; coming out there is very challenging. You just don't come out."

Mena joined other young people participating in Pride in



Al Cusack shows off some handpainted Pride sunglasses Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

an interview Wednesday atop Citadel Hill.

"Here, the fact that you can just walk down the street wearing a Halifax Pride shirt, that is a strong movement. It's powerful to think about it that way."

Al Cusack, 20 — who prefers the pronoun "they" — hails from

"The celebration is so important for giving us energy to go forward."

Al Cusack

the Annapolis Valley and said last year they were moved to tears dancing in the parade with the Youth Project (a non-profit supporting LGBTQ youth) to see the huge crowd cheering them on.

There are still issues to focus on, including the right to use gender-neutral washrooms or

dealing with transphobia when heading into a job interview, Cusack said, but seeing those cheers for kids simply dancing in the street is a "beautiful thing."

"The celebration is so important for giving us energy to go forward with the fights that still need to be fought," Cusack said. "We can fight but we don't have to fight right now."

Frances Dadin-Alli, 25, recently graduated from Dalhousie University and has been in Canada for six years since leaving Nigeria.

When she came out three years ago, Dadin-Alli said, she was nervous about where she would fit into the LGBTQ community — but is now excited to attend Pride "with an open mind" and celebrate herself and other people.

It's been especially helpful to find people in smaller groups, such as an LGBTQ people-of-colour and indigenous-people Facebook group, Dadin-Alli said.

"Different people coming together, you share your own story and it just gives some people an extra help in moving forward. It's been good for me."

Visit halifaxpride.com for a full list of events and times.

SAFETY

Orlando shooting on minds

The recent shooting in an Orlando gay club was "devastating" to Marcos Mena Cruz, but he said it can't impact how Haligonians celebrate this week.

Mena Cruz said that after doing research on the shooter, he feels the attack was mostly motivated out of jealousy as he also might have been gay.

Although Mena Cruz said he was shocked by the violence, what he couldn't believe was the reaction some people online had. For every positive and supportive comment, there was another "sickening" one applauding the shooter.

Meanwhile, Al Cusack said they feel the attack was still on the LGBTQ community in a place they felt safe, and it shook them to think it could easily happen in Canada. However, they still decided to go to Menz & Mollyz bar for their birthday recently.

"To respond by going into hiding is the exact opposite of what we should do."

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HIGH HONOUR DISABILITY AWARENESS Gov.-Gen. David Johnston, right, presents Paul A. Young of Sydney with the Meritorious Service Cross at the Canadian Museum of Immigration. Drawing purpose from his cerebral palsy, Young works to generate awareness of the issues facing those with disabilities. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nation band loses stay request

N.S. SUPREME COURT

Alton Natural Gas Storage construction to continue

A request by the Sipekne'katik First Nation band for a stay of the Industrial Approval granted for the Alton Natural Gas Storage project has been denied by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. "I have concluded that Sipekne'katik has not met the burden of satisfying the necessary criteria for a stay," Justice Michael Wood said, in his written decision, released Wednesday. "In particular it has not satisfied me that there is a reasonable likelihood it will suffer irreparable harm if the stay is not granted," Wood said. "They have

also not established exceptional circumstances that would justify a stay in the absence of such harm. The motion is dismissed."

The Sipekne'katik band appeal is to be heard Aug. 17 and 18.

In the meantime, construction activity at Alton will continue, company spokesperson Lori MacLean said, with brining operations scheduled to begin later this summer in accordance with the industrial approval.

She said Alton has received all environmental and industrial approvals for its project to build underground storage caverns for natural gas.

MacLean said the approvals followed an environmental assessment of the project including an independent third party science review that concluded it is unlikely to cause any significant adverse environmental effects. TC MEDIA

NOVA SCOTIA

Cargo flight to give \$1M boost each week

The Halifax International Airport Authority has announced a new Qatar Airways Cargo flight travelling into Halifax's Stanfield airport will add about \$1 million per week in export value to the province.

In a press release, the airport authority said the weekly Wed-

nesday service to Doha, Qatar will include a stop to Zaragoza, Spain.

Much of the cargo will be Nova Scotia lobster and silver hake. The airport authority said the freighter can carry up to 103 tonnes of cargo.

The new service is expected to start on July 20. METRO

DONATIONS

Feed Nova Scotia thanks community



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

After a public appeal for donations last week, Feed Nova Scotia says the community is "stepping up in a big way."

The organization said last week it was "critically low" on food donations, and posted a plea on its website for donations.

Since then, there have been more than 100 food drives during a month when there are usually just 17.

"We're still taking stock of what's coming through our doors, but the response so far has been incredible, and we hope it continues," executive director Nick

Jennery said in a news release from Feed Nova Scotia.

"We are now able to start adding those key foods — those staple items — back on the orders we're shipping out to our members," Jennery said.

"And we have the community to thank for that."

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More than 100 food drives were organized after Feed Nova Scotia plea

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The release urges Nova Scotians to continue their generosity, and asks for more of its "staple items" like pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup and stew, canned meat and fish, and hot and cold cereals.

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Man charged in robbery

CRIME

Jason William Buckler Benn also faces flight charge



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A man arrested Tuesday in connection with a robbery in Cole Harbour is facing additional charges, including escaping from custody.

In a media release police said on July 6, a man allegedly entered a Cole Harbour home, sprayed the homeowner with bear spray, threatened to stab him and stole money. The suspect and victim were known to each other.

On Tuesday afternoon, officers on patrol in Dartmouth found a vehicle they believed to be stolen. They also noticed the driver was the suspect they'd been seeking in connection with the robbery.

The driver evaded an attempted police traffic stop and

ran into a wooded area.

Police said a 35-year-old Dartmouth woman who was a passenger in the stolen vehicle was arrested without incident and was released Tuesday night. She'll appear in Dartmouth provincial court on Aug. 16 on charges of possession of stolen property over \$5,000.

The suspect was arrested a short time later. He was held in custody overnight Tuesday and was scheduled to appear in Dartmouth provincial court Wednesday.

While being transported to the courthouse, police said the man escaped from custody for a brief period but was apprehended by officers.

+ CHARGES

Jason William Buckler Benn, 24, of Dartmouth has been charged and is facing offences including robbery, assault with a weapon and flight from police.



CONCERT METRIC MAKES STOP AT JAZZ FESTIVAL Emily Haines of the Canadian indie-rock group Metric is silhouetted as they stage for the second evening of the Halifax Jazz Festival on Wednesday. The band is touring to promote its latest album *Pagans in Vegas*. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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AMBER ALERT

'She is my light': Dad pleads for girl's return

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The father of missing Calgary girl Taliyah Marsman is pleading with anyone who might have information in her disappearance to "do the right thing."

An Amber Alert was issued early Tuesday after Taliyah's mother was found dead inside the basement suit the two shared and Taliyah was missing.

Colin Marsman, Taliyah's father, said in a statement that his daughter is his "light" and loves her with all his heart.

In the statement sent to Metro by Marsman's girlfriend, Jessica Mardinger, Colin Marsman asks that she be allowed to come home to her family.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone out there, including the media, and especially law enforcement, for their continued search for Taliyah. I also want to send my deepest condolences to Sara's family during this time," read the statement. "I want to make a plea to anyone out there who knows anything about where my baby

is. Please, it's never too late to do the right thing! If you even think you might have seen something that could be a clue, let your local law enforcement know immediately.

"With all my heart, I love her sooo much; she is my light! Please allow her to come home to her family."

Marsman's son, Jaylin, told Metro his dad truly cares for both him and Taliyah.

"My dad is the best dad ever," Jaylin said. "He loves me and my sister with all his heart."

Police are saying new evidence in the search the girl is keeping them hopeful the little girl is safe.

Insp. Don Coleman of the Calgary Police Service told reporters Wednesday that they've received tips from Panorama residents saying they saw a young girl matching Taliyah's description walking with a "stocky black man" near where her mother's vehicle was located around 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Coleman said the girl was said to be wearing red or pink boots with white polka dots and carrying a red suitcase. "We're hopeful Taliyah is safe," he said.

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CCTV footage shows Taliyah Marsman and her mom at Dairy Queen together Sunday, before she disappeared. CONTRIBUTED



The Dump Trump ties will be available starting Aug. 10. ANDRES PLANA/METRO

'Dump Trump' ties let you go 'undercover'

ENTREPRENEUR

Retailer creates ties to say what you really think of The Donald

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

If you're a discreet Bay Street businessman who secretly de-

spises a certain outspoken, orange-haired U.S. presidential candidate, Andre Vassi has the tie for you.

The owner of Toronto retail store Vassi Menswear has designed a tie with a colourful pattern of dump trucks emblazoned on the front and "Dump Trump" written on the back. Vassi called the tie "undercover."

"You might buy a tie and not necessarily show it at work but after work if you're going to a

bar or a lounge or something, you might want to have what you believe out and advertise it," he said.

The \$100 silk ties are hand-made in Italy and come in three different colours: 'Great Again' grey blue, 'Gonna Be Huge' basic blue and 'Believe Me' baby blue.

Vassi said he was inspired to create a tie for The Donald, after getting requests from customers.

"You can't sit on the side-

lines and not have an opinion about Donald Trump," he said, adding no one has asked for a Hillary Clinton tie or an "I love Trump" tie yet. "I'm open to see it but I am skeptical," he said.

All proceeds from the "Dump Trump" tie will go to Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

As for his own political ties, Vassi had no comment.

"Personally, I don't want to say what I feel about Trump. I think my actions speak louder," he said.

TECHNOLOGY

Teen invents tongue-controlled mouse for physically disabled

An Ontario teen is earning high praise for designing a device to help people with severe physical disabilities navigate computers easily and affordably — with their tongue.

Emma Mogus's invention, the Tongue-Interface-Communication project (TiC), consists of a sports mouthguard equipped with five buttons that can be pressed with the tongue.

The mouthguard is connected by ethernet cable to a circuit board which, in turn, plugs into a computer with a USB cord.

With some computer programming, the TiC can be used like a regular mouse, directing the cursor up, down, left or right and click on icons.

Using her fingers to activate the switches, Mogus typed search



The Tongue-Interface-Communication (TiC), a tongue controlled computer mouse, created by Emma Mogus, 17. THE CANADIAN PRESS

terms into Google by using TiC to select letters from an onscreen keyboard at a demonstration on Wednesday.

Mogus, 17, says it's a simple

and cheap product that will help people with ALS, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and other disabilities use computers and access the Internet.

The recent graduate of White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, Ont., said TiC was inspired by a friend who has ALS.

"I was just looking at the sort of assistive technology that's already on the market to help people like my friend Tim, and what I was noticing is that the majority of these devices are highly expensive and quite invasive," Mogus said.

She also found that the existing technologies, which rely on eye motion or changes in breathing frequency, can be susceptible to incidental movements. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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POLITICS

'Leave' supporters net top spots in new government

Theresa May entered No. 10 Downing St., on Wednesday as Britain's new prime minister, following a bittersweet exit by David Cameron that was tinged with humour and regret.

"I was the future once," Cameron quipped as he left office. But that future now belongs to May, and it involves instability, uncertainty and tough wrangling over Britain's departure from the European Union.

Britain's transition of power unfolded with startling speed since the June 23 referendum on EU membership. Cameron announced his resignation after voters rejected his appeal to stay in the 28-nation bloc, and May, the former home secretary, became Conservative Party leader Monday after an abbreviated contest in which her only remaining rival dropped out.

Then came Wednesday's



Leader of the Conservative Party Theresa May is greeted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace where the Queen invited May to become Prime Minister and form a new government. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ceremonial choreography: Two trips to Buckingham Palace and two audiences with Queen Elizabeth II that ended with one prime minister out of a job and a new one curtseying to the monarch to begin her term.

May stood in front of the iconic door of No. 10 with her husband, Philip, as the 13th

prime minister of the queen's reign and the first woman to hold the job since fellow Conservative Margaret Thatcher served from 1979 to 1990.

She acknowledged that Britain faces a rocky road ahead as it undoes 43 years of EU ties and forges a new relationship with its neighbours.

"Following the referendum,

we face a time of great national change," May said.

"And I know because we're Great Britain we will rise to the challenge.

"As we leave the European Union we will forge a bold new positive role for ourselves in the world and we will make Britain a country that works not for a privileged few, but

for every one of us," she said.

May began appointing her new Cabinet within an hour of taking office, and several posts went to "leave" supporters.

The most notable was former London Mayor Boris Johnson, who was given the meaty job of foreign secretary, Britain's top diplomatic post.

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Theresa May and husband Philip May wave outside 10 Downing Street in London, England. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

TOP POSITIONS

Boris Johnson is Britain's new foreign secretary, one of the biggest jobs in government.

Johnson was one of the leaders of the campaign to leave the EU. Johnson had hoped to become prime minister but saw his dream fade amid party discord. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



David Davis, a euroskeptic, has been appointed to lead Britain's exit talks with the EU.

Prime Minister Theresa May has named Davis to the newly created post of secretary of state for exiting the EU.

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Liam Fox is the minister for international trade. Fox was the first of five candidates to be eliminated in the race to replace David Cameron.

Fox was a backer of the "leave" side. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



BATON ROUGE

Civil rights groups sue police

Civil rights groups and activists sued Baton Rouge law enforcement agencies over their treatment of protesters rallying against the police shooting death of a black man, saying officers used excessive force and physically and verbally abused peaceful demonstrators.

The lawsuit, announced Wednesday by the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, came hours after Cameron Sterling, the 15-year-old son of the slain man spoke publicly for the first time, calling for peaceful protests following the death of his father, 37-year-old Alton Sterling.

Sterling was shot to death July 5 as two white officers pinned him to the pavement outside a convenience store. The killing sparked widespread demonstrations. Authorities arrested about 200 protesters over three days, often taking to the streets in riot gear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS

Thousands mourn slain officers



Heidi Smith, centre, and daughters, Victoria and Caroline during the funeral for husband Michael Smith. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly a week after five officers were killed by a gunman in Dallas, memorial services for three of them drew thousands of mourners Wednesday.

Services were held for Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer Brent Thompson, Dallas police Sgt. Michael Smith and Dallas police Sgt. Cpl. Lorne Ahrens — all three slain in downtown Dallas Thursday by a sniper during a march to protest recent fatal shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana by police. The two other services are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The service for Thompson, 43, drew hundreds of law enforcement officers in crisp formal uniforms to The Potter's House, the Dallas megachurch headed by celebrity Bishop T.D. Jakes.

Thompson's wife Emily, a fellow DART officer whom he had recently married, told the audience that the shooter, Micah Johnson, was a coward.

Johnson, 25, was killed when authorities used a robot to detonate an explosive as negotiations faltered. Nine officers and two civilians were injured in the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Many not saving to retire

SURVEY

Some say they will sell home to pay for life after work

A report by HSBC suggests that nearly half of working-age Canadians are not saving for retirement.

The big international bank says 48 per cent of pre-retirees in the country say they have not started or are not currently saving for their life after work.

The poll was part of a global retirement report by HSBC.

The survey also found that one in five working-age Canadians say that money from downsizing or selling their home or a secondary property will help pay for retirement.

That was nearly twice the global average of 12 per cent and more than the five per cent of current Canadian retirees.

The poll also found that Canadian retirees were among the "happiest," with 72 per cent reporting they feel happy in retirement — second only to re-



A global retirement survey by HSBC found that 48 per cent of Canadians have not started or are not currently saving for retirement. iStock

tirees in Mexico at 80 per cent. "While Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world, almost half of working-age people in Canada are not currently saving for retirement," said Betty Miao, executive vice-president and head of retail banking and

wealth management at HSBC Bank Canada.

"While a change of lifestyle or move to retirement living may be a great thing come retirement, it's worth noting the wisdom shared by many of today's retirees: start saving earlier, take good care of

yourself and your health, and don't hesitate to get advice from trusted professionals."

The survey also found that 53 per cent of Canadian retirees say a government pension is helping pay for retirement, while 35 per cent of those still working say that's likely to be



Canadian retirees rank as some of the happiest in the world.

Betty Miao

the case for them.

The federal government and all the provinces, except Quebec, recently reached an agreement in principle to help strengthen the Canada Pension Plan. The deal, which is still being finalized, would see CPP premium increases for workers and employers, but also see Canadians receive more in retirement.

The HSBC report included the views of 18,207 working age people and retirees across 17 countries and territories around the world, including 1,037 in Canada.

The research was conducted online by IpsosMORI in September and October 2015, with additional face-to-face interviews in Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

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BANK OF CANADA

Fires put economy in reverse

The Bank of Canada is cutting its outlook for the year, saying the extensive damage from the Alberta wildfires helped fuel an economic contraction in the second quarter.

The bank released its forecast Wednesday as it announced it was leaving the interest rate at the rock-bottom level of 0.5 per cent.

The bank for the first time said the U.K.'s referendum to exit the EU, also known as Brexit, will reduce the Canada's GDP by 0.1 per cent by the end of 2018.

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MCDONALD'S ATOMC HOCKEY

atoMc power

McDonald's atoMc Hockey program connects kids and communities

For two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty, organized sports made him the man he is today. "When I was growing up, I loved playing different sports, especially soccer," says the Los Angeles Kings' All-Star defence-man. "I still enjoy them today and I believe it made me a better hockey player as well."

Study after study shows that organized sports help children build relationships and confidence while improving their academic performance. But as kids get older, it can get harder to keep them away from their screens and engaged in team activities.

McDonald's atoMc Hockey is a community



Two-time Stanley Cup champion Drew Doughty is an atoMc Hockey ambassador. PATRICIA SKALUCKY



program that keeps kids in the game. The only minor-hockey initiative endorsed by Hockey Canada, the program supports Atom hockey teams throughout the country (excluding Quebec, which runs Équipe McDo), providing game

jerseys and socks to participating teams and connecting them with local sponsors in their community. The jerseys have the same Hockey Canada logo worn by Team Canada — a thrill for any budding hockey player.

Each team kit includes a golden jersey that is awarded for exceptional teamwork and in celebration of small but important achievements. A first goal and a great save are acknowledged with the same importance as an assist or supportive cheer from the bench.

To assist in stressing the importance of teamwork, McDonald's connects kids with superstar mentors like Doughty and Canadian Olympic gold medallists Marc-André Fleury and Tessa Bonhomme. These ambassadors travel the country every summer, meeting with atoMc Hockey players to talk about teamwork, play a little ball hockey and enjoy a team meal at the local McDonald's sponsor restaurant.

From his own experience, Doughty knows how important family is in encouraging kids to achieve, which is why he takes time to thank the parents who support their kids' hockey dreams, and he stresses how sport can make a big difference in children's lives, both physically and mentally. "I really enjoy talking to kids about the value of being a great teammate, both on and off the ice," he says.

More than 50,000 kids across Canada participated in atoMc Hockey in the 2015-2016 hockey season. And Doughty is proud of this expansive family. "McDonald's atoMc Hockey program has been a lot of fun to be a part of," he says. For the kids who Doughty and the program's other star ambassadors have encouraged to keep playing, the fun is just beginning.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON ANGLICANS' 'STUNNING REVERSAL'

You probably can't find a starker issue than same-sex marriage where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs. And the organized religions have noticed.

My hair stylist — a ball of politically woke sweetness in her 30s with ever-changing locks — does not go to church.

When she drops off her grandmother some Sunday mornings, she imagines the elder folks inside that stone Ukrainian Orthodox behemoth bemoaning the lack of young ones.

"I feel bad," she told me, between scissored snips. "But, you know, you didn't upgrade! You didn't upgrade your software." She frowns and pinches her face, and shrugs.

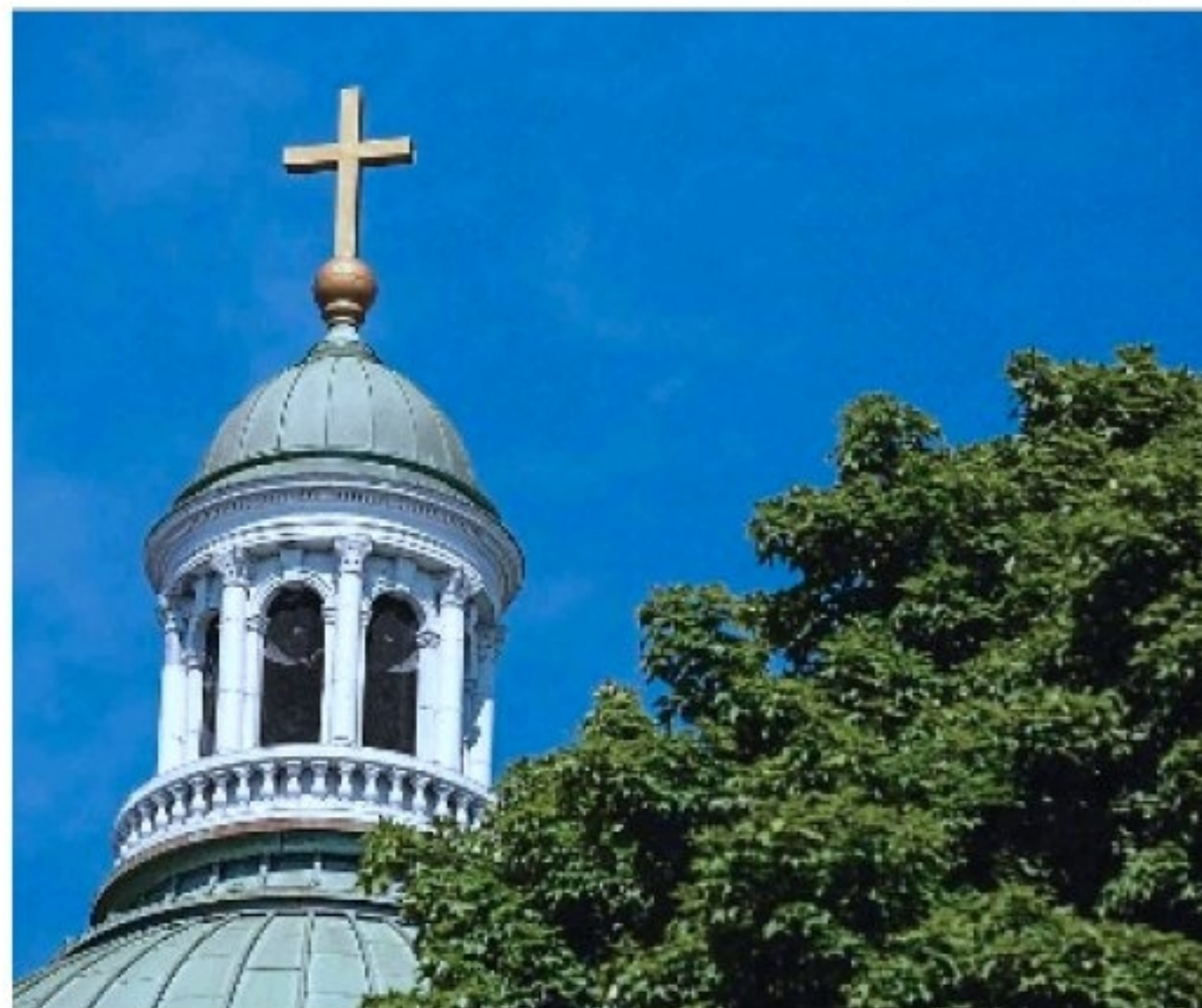
Undeniably, younger Canadians seem irreparably incompatible with organized religions. But the question is whether it has to be this way, or do faiths actually stand a chance? If they "upgrade" — or modernize — would the young ones feel swayed?

The Anglican Church of Canada, it should be said, is trying.

In a dramatic twist of events (a phrase uncommonly applied to church synods) Anglican leaders and lay people first voted to reject same-sex marriage on Monday. But on Tuesday, an error led to a recount, and by just a single vote of one clergy member, same-sex marriage passed.

A "stunning reversal" read the headlines. "There's hope now," Ottawa Bishop John Chapman told me. He meant about those young folks. Or real-

One Anglican bishop called the vote 'the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about.'



St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, Ont. On Tuesday The General Synod — the Anglican church's legislative body — passed an endorsement of same-sex marriage. The margin was a single vote. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ly, even Gen Y.

Same-sex marriage has the support of 75 per cent of Canadians 18-34 and 78 per cent of those aged 35-44, according to a 2015 Forum Research poll. You probably can't find a starker issue where organized religions lag behind millennial beliefs, and they've noticed. In 2011, 69 per cent of U.S. millennials said, "Religious groups are alienating young people by being too judgmental about gay and lesbian issues," according to the research non-profit PRRI.

"Many people would agree with you," noted Bishop Melissa Skelton of New Westminster, B.C., but both she and Chapman stressed the vote was by no

means a recruiting measure. "The spirit of the gospel is being more lived out this way," Chapman said: a "radical hospitality" that sees all as equal, and takes all as they are. Skelton called it "the enactment of what the Christian message and Jesus is all about."

The vote comes 40 years after women were first made Anglican priests, and after decades of LGBTQ advocacy. "(Younger people) need to see the church is not their parents church anymore," Chapman said. "It's a place that changes, evolves, addressed the context in which we're living."

But religious change still chugs slowly. It will take another three years for the

vote to be fully integrated into canon law, even while some, like Chapman, won't wait to perform same-sex marriages. He noted mounting pressure, "a movement afoot," for the full realization of LGBTQ rights across society. And indeed, same-sex marriage seems destined for religious approval, given the demographic changes afoot that will demand far more progressive stances than many faiths have been so far willing to take.

It's upgrade, or obsolescence. And in that ultimatum, perhaps Anglicans stand a chance.

Rosemary Westwood is Metro Canada's national columnist



We need to know why the Remi Pereiras of the world do what they do

Matt LaForge
Metro

Remigio Pereira's little ad lib routine at the MLB All Star game was a horrible moment.

By inserting "All lives matter" into O Canada, he endorsed a pernicious form of racism, and he did it on a huge stage, in the name of all Canadians.

None of this is a matter of much serious debate. We all needed to disparage, loudly, what Pereira did. And we've done so. But we also owe it to ourselves to understand why he did what he did. We could dismiss him as an inconsequential, unrepresentative boob (he's a flat-Earther, as you might have heard) but we'd be doing so at our peril.

On Wednesday, Pereira gave his side of the story via a post on Twitter and Instagram: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE. That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

All I wanted to do, says Remi, was promote peace and unity. Is it crazy of me to say I believe him? Well, I do. But that is not a pardon. He was wrong. Deeply wrong. That he didn't know he was wrong isn't an excuse we as a would-be caring society should be interested in accepting.

Fact: "All lives matter," as a set phrase or meme, owes its existence to a desire to refute "Black lives matter," a morally unassailable prop-

osition. "ALM" is therefore a morally offensive utterance. All this is dead easy to establish, and many already have. (Maybe you saw the Reddit post that made the point with game-set-match finality: "Imagine that you're sitting down to dinner with your family, and while everyone else gets a serving of the meal, you don't get any. So you say 'I should get my fair share.' ...Your dad corrects you, saying, 'Everyone should get their fair share.'")

The upshot is that anyone who wants to engage with contemporary political discourse inherits an obligation to be up to speed. Picture a candidate wearing an "I'm for segregation" campaign button in 2016. Would anyone believe him if he said that the button referred only to, say, a policy of quarantining Zika patients? Maybe. But would anyone who did believe him let him off the hook for the obvious connotations? Of course not.

There's no practical difference, as far the fight for racial justice is concerned, between obliviousness and malice. Remi Pereira's view of himself as the most peaceful and loving man ever to sing pop opera is of exactly zero social value. What he thinks of himself doesn't matter to anyone who isn't him, and the fact that he would hold out what he thinks of himself as justification for what he actually did teaches us an important lesson about what progress requires.

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Is rock 'n' roll dead?

OPINION

The genre is in decline, but that just leaves room for a revolution

Barry Walsh
For Metro Canada



In a recent interview for SiriusXM, Flea, the mononymous and often shirtless bassist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, lamented the current state of rock music calling it "a dead form in a lot of ways."

Two years ago, it was Gene Simmons of Kiss who sounded the death knell for rock 'n' roll, telling his son Nick in an interview for Esquire that file sharing and illegal downloading helped drive the nail in the coffin. "Rock did not die of old age," he opined. "It was murdered."

But as a musician who writes and performs what would fall under the "rock" category, I'm writing to say that while they're right in some respects, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

Let's cast our minds back to what could arguably be called the last golden hurrah for that vital, raw, sometimes reckless music we call rock 'n' roll —

the early 2000s. Back then, bands such as The Strokes and The White Stripes were gracing magazine covers everywhere and packing venues.

But even at the height of their popularity, the one thing that proved challenging for both bands, at least in comparison to top hip hop or R&B acts of the day, or the nu-metal and radio-friendly modern rock acts they were up against, was selling boatloads of records. The Strokes' 2001 debut, *Is This It*, took a couple of years to sell two million copies globally. Compare that to a band that was all over modern rock radio (but significantly less magazine covers) in 2001 — Lifehouse — whose *No Name Face* album from 2000 sold four million copies, and who have sold 15 million albums to date worldwide.

Bands that would emerge post-Strokes such as Jet or The Killers would outpace them commercially. But it was the gritty, mildly dangerous allure of the Strokes-'n'-Stripes that gave them greater cultural heft than most of the modern rock acts coasting through the charts in the wake of grunge. In their thrift store fashions and sweaty, boozy bravado, we caught a whiff of the unpredictable, incandescent spirit of Kurt Cobain and his contemporaries.

To give Gene Simmons his due, the first year or two of this decade marked the last gasp before file sharing became ubiquitous, and before streaming relegated the concept of an album to near-antiquity. The former has had an undeniably grim impact on the recording industry, making major labels decidedly more risk-averse when it comes to signing new acts. The latter, while offering a fantastic world of choice, is nurturing a generation of "genre agnostic" listeners who no longer identify as fans of one particular style of music over another. In terms Grandpa Simpson might understand, we aren't talking about "mods vs. rockers" anymore.

So rock 'n' roll isn't the cash cow it was in the good ol' days when every band had its own private jet. And maybe its cultural significance has taken a back seat to Beyoncé as of late. But as you read this, in any number of cities around the world, a club is full of sweat-soaked fans jostling for position as a gang armed with guitars provides the soundtrack for an evening's abandon. And if you make a bit of effort, you can stumble via streaming upon a new artist to give you that giddy sensation from the halcyon days of 2001.



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As we saw when punk put a boot to the ass of mainstream rock, which had grown bloated and listless by the mid-'70s, the

genre is always at its most innovative, explosive and exciting when it's an outlier. That's its status now. For that, any rock

'n' roll fan should be grateful, and be listening for the next momentary revolutionary lying in wait.

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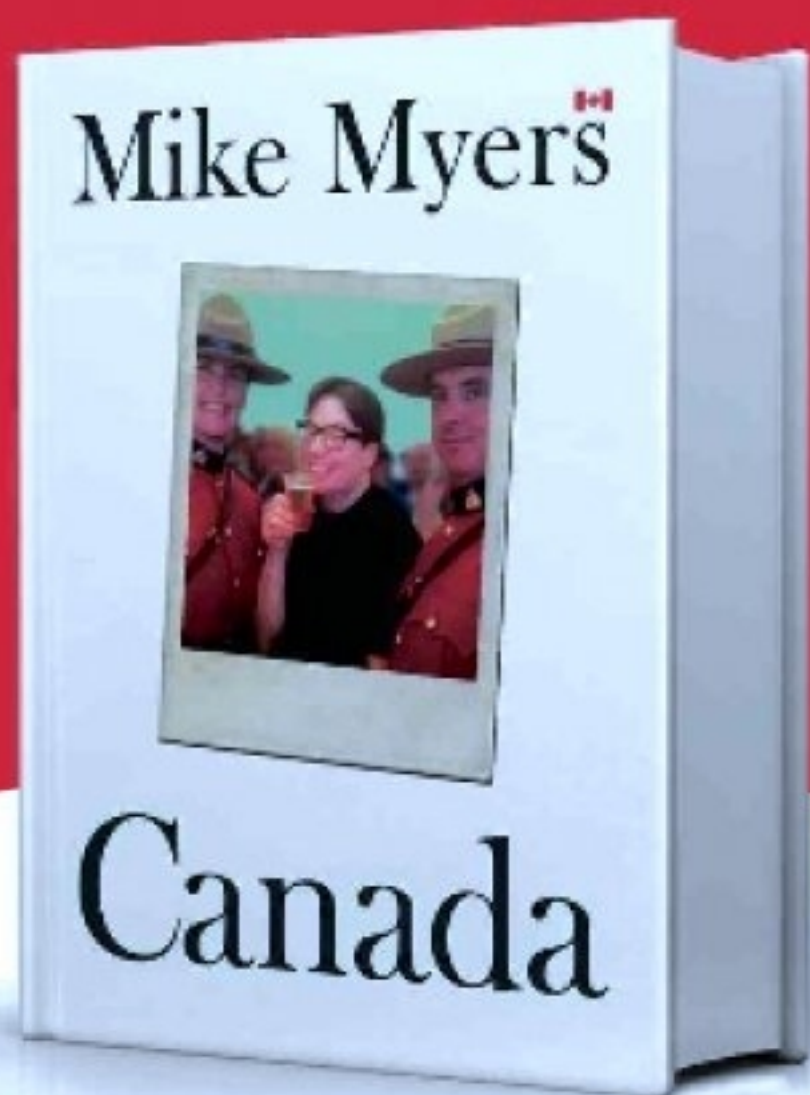
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Rowing the Vikings out of the fog of history

NON-FICTION

Author aims to replace myth with truth

The Vikings have a mythic place in our culture. We think of them as swashbucklers who roamed the seas looking for treasure; violent vagabonds who never settled in one place too long. Anders Winroth, a professor of history at Yale University, studies the Vikings, their poetry, sagas, their way of life, and he argues they are different than we perceive. I talked to him from Stockholm — where he is summering — about his book, *The Age of the Vikings*.

You noted that the composer Wagner borrowed from Viking myth to create his Ring Cycle. When I was reading your section on Viking rings I thought of J.R.R. Tolkien who did study Nordic mythology when he was in school. Tolkien was a scholar of Old English and Old Norse literature. He must have read much of it in the original because it borrows a lot of things from the northern sources such as the Edda, the main source of ancient Scandinavian mythology and poetry. There is a long list of names of dwarves from the Edda which come up come in Tolkien's Ring Cycles. There has been a lot of fascination in the Vikings over the past 200 years, including Tolkien and Wagner and *The Game of Thrones*.



The Vikings have experienced renewed interest in popular culture, thanks in part to the History TV show, *Vikings*. HANDOUT

The Vikings were far more creative than we are led to think. They wove tapestries, created rune stones, wrote sagas and poetry, sculpted and farmed. One of the things I was trying to do in this book is to make the Vikings less sensational. We think of them as people who raided and killed and fought but they also, like every other group of people, created literature and music, even though we don't know much about it. From European sources we know how they attacked and killed and plundered but if you want to know who the Vikings were we need to get sources from their side and

you have to read their rune stones and poetry which tell us how they lived.

The Vikings have left a subtle imprint on English-speaking cultures.

It is surprising how many words in English were borrowed from the Vikings, especially when they settled in northeastern England. Words like wonderful, rotten, in-law, outlaw, wrong, thrifty, window, fellow, eggs and steak are some of the

words.

My wife is from Iceland and that is where most of the original manuscripts of the sagas and most of the poetry are located. Iceland is isolated. The North Atlantic is a dangerous ocean so it was difficult to settle in Iceland. There were periods in Icelandic history where there was very little contact with Scandinavia.

There were a lot of Vikings in Ireland. Dublin, for instance, is a Viking name and Vikings settled in that area on the Liffey River, laying out streets. Ransack is a Norse word. The same word exists in Middle Irish as rannsaka (to search a house).

Icelanders don't have last names, a legacy of the Vikings.

One of the things I was trying to do in this book was to help people understand the Vikings in their time. The history of Scandinavia is violent but so is the history of Europe. We think of the Vikings as violent but that is a myth.

In the context of the society they lived in there was nothing remarkable about Viking violence. They were much less violent than Charlemagne who was the ruler what is today's France and Germany. He was a king and had the resources of his kingdom and was much more ruthless than the Vikings who were more like freebooters.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



SCANDAL

World reacts to the 'lone wolf' tenor

Remigio Pereira likes to bill himself as a team player.

"Every decision we make is a group decision," the (perhaps former) member of the singing quartet the Tenors told the Star in 2010. "When it comes to the group, we all have to want to sing something or it doesn't wind up on the stage."

So what was Pereira thinking at Tuesday night's Major League Baseball all-star game when he apparently stunned his fellow Tenors by changing the lyrics of *O Canada*?

"We're all brothers and sisters, all lives matter to the great," Pereira sang, instead of, "With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the true north strong and free."

Pereira did not respond to a request for an explanation from the Star. Tenors' manager, Jeffrey Latimer of Toronto, could also not be reached for comment.

For their part, the other three members of the vocal quartet have apologized via Twitter to pretty much everyone on the face of the earth and called it a "lone wolf" act that was "extremely selfish" and "shameful." Comedian Mark Critch tweeted: "#TheTenors used to known as 'The Canadian Tenors.' Now they are known as the 'unbookable Tenors.'"

"Hell hath no fury like 37 million people who are tired of being sorry #TheTenors," tweeted Ottawa journalist Mandy Kovacs.



Remigio Pereira. SCREENGAB

Perez Hilton was among those stunned by what he heard, tweeting "Say what?! RT Canadian singing group #TheTenors added 'all lives matter' to #OCanada!"

B.C. musician Patrick Boyle was more amused than anything else, tweeting: "Canada not immune to cowardly acts of tenorism. #lonewolfdenor"

On Twitter early Wednesday, Pereira tried to explain why he went rogue and sparked a chorus of outrage: "I've been so moved lately by the tragic loss of life and I hoped for a positive statement that would bring us ALL together. ONE LOVE."

"That was my singular motivation when I said all lives matter."

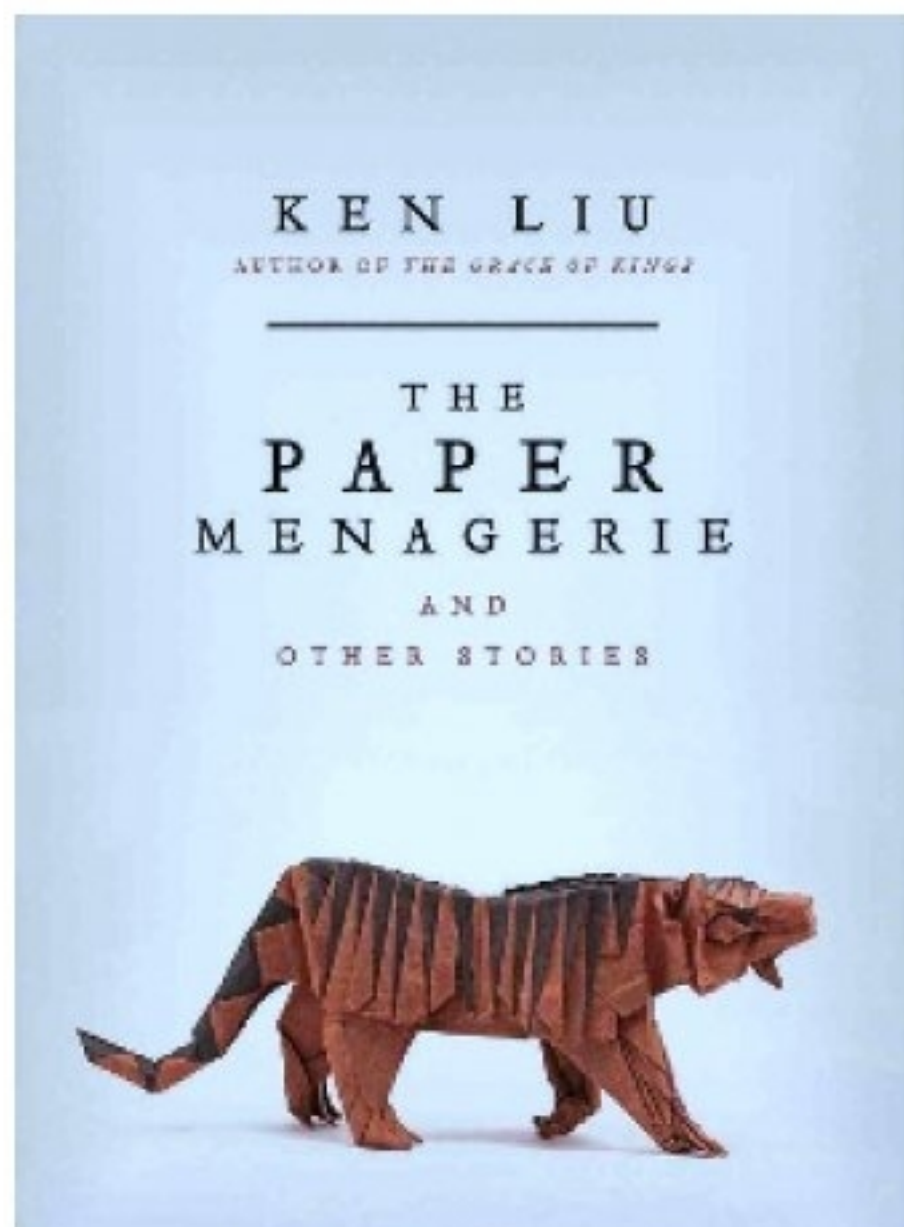
He added: "I speak for the human race and the lives of all sentient beings. Love, peace and harmony for ALL has always been my life's purpose."

Following Tuesday's controversial performance, The Tenors issued a statement saying Pereira won't be performing with them "until further notice."

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4 SCI-FI VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

Must-read short stories and hopeful speculative fiction are among our books picks this week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

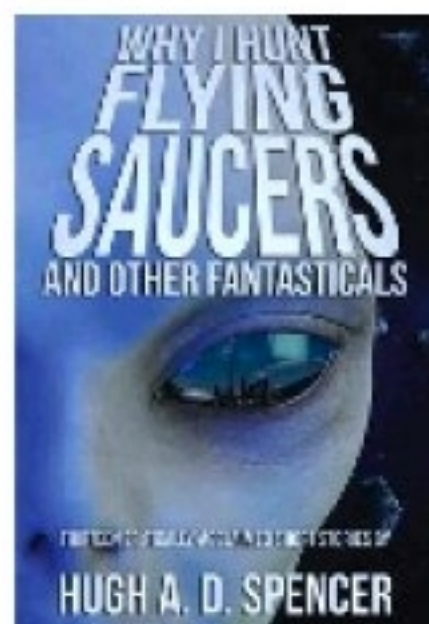
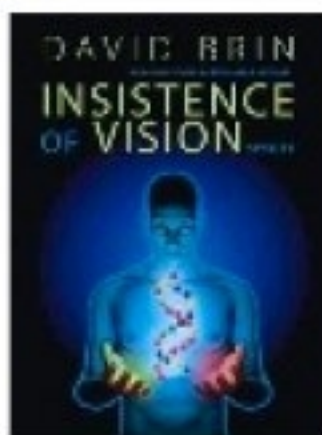


1 The Paper Menagerie

Ken Liu's speculative fiction has a dominant concern: the preservation of family and culture when both are being put under strain. This is obvious in the title story of this collection — the first story to win the Hugo, Nebula and World Fantasy Awards within the same year — which deals with a Chinese-American man remembering a bit of magic origami from his childhood that he has outgrown. But that same interest in the conflict between different ways of seeing, thinking and being invest almost all of the other stories as well, including those dealing with exotic forms of alien life and technology. It's a great collection, strongly reminiscent of the work of China Mieville, and the only disappointing part comes in Liu's introduction, where he says he no longer writes as many short stories, having chosen to focus his efforts on novels. (Saga Press, \$33.99, 450 pages)

2 Insistence of Vision

The fiction of David Brin is informed by a central recurring theme as well, in his case the operation of various kinds of evolution: organic and synthetic, directed and undirected, fast and slow. This interest in dynamic change feeds into his vision of SF as an essentially optimistic form: not because he believes in "progress" but because he believes in the ability of humankind to improve its condition. This isn't to say that change is always for the best. Sometimes progress comes at a price, sometimes two steps forward are followed by one step back, and sometimes the best-laid plans go terribly awry (the story "Mars Opposition" being a great example of all of these outcomes). (The Story Plant, \$34.95, 374 pages)



3 Why I Hunt Flying Saucers

Why I Hunt Flying Saucers is a book much like Eric Schaller's in that it's a great debut collection of stories that offers up a retrospective of highlights from 25 years of published work. It's also similar in its provision of editorial notes by the author on the stories themselves — a nice little bonus that is becoming increasingly common. (Brain Lag, \$15.99, 265 pages)



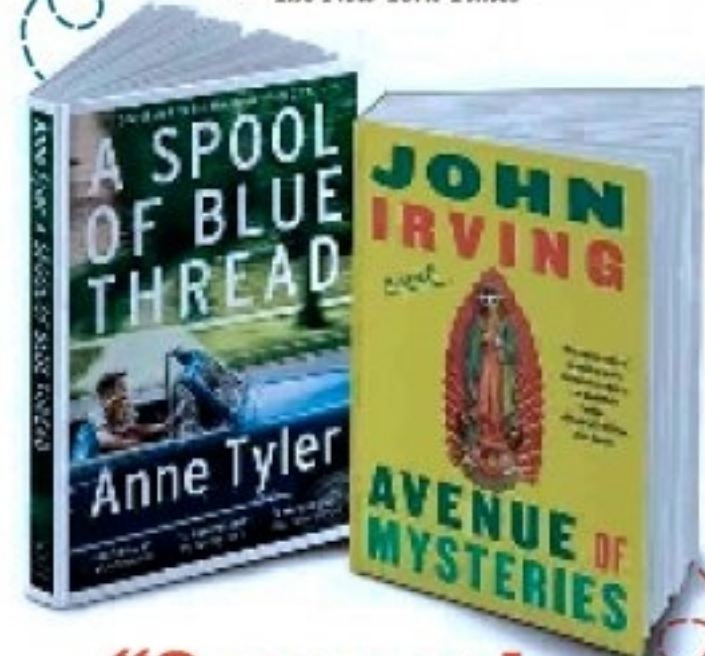
4 Meet Me in the Middle of the Air

Eric Schaller's debut collection of weird dark fiction is like one of those great first albums put out by a band that's been writing songs and practicing them in clubs for years. Drawing on two decades of material, these are bold, original stories that startle the reader at nearly every turn of the page. (Undertow Publications, \$23.99, 253 pages)

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No 'woe-is-me' confessions here

ESSAYS

Head writer for *Inside Amy Schumer* wasn't out to tell jokes

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



When Amy Schumer accepted the Emmy last September for her hilariously raunchy comedy series *Inside Amy Schumer*, she profusely thanked her head writer and executive producer Jessi Klein for helping make her "dream show."

It should have been a fantasy night for Klein, walking the red carpet and winning one of Hollywood's most coveted statues. But as she recalls in her new book of personal essays, *You'll Grow Out of It*, the new mom found herself alone in a basement dressing room at the Nokia Theater after the show, shoved into Spanx while pumping her breast milk.

She remembers questioning her future — feeling not

so much like a winner, but a "footnote to others' success."

While many would have killed to be in Klein's Manolo Blahniks that night, there's nothing woe-is-me about her confession or her lifelong struggles with self-confidence.

You'll Grow Out of It hits on many familiar emotions, as Klein shares stories of broken relationships, failed career aspirations and physical insecurities. Although she didn't set out to "tell jokes," Klein can't help but bring on the laughs: she is, after all, also a stand-up comedian and a former writer for *Saturday Night Live*.

"I really wanted to stretch into territory that wasn't funny, but real. And hopefully by being honest and real and specific, be relatable to other people. I was thinking more of how to transcribe my voice like when I am just talking," says Klein.

"Ironically, I think the stuff about trying to become a comedy writer is less funny and more serious about overcoming fear and learning how to follow your instincts."

Klein should be considered a top runner to fill the void left

behind by the late essayist Nora Ephron, whose conversational writing style also revealed the particular absurdities of being a contemporary woman.

As a self-described tomboy turned "tom man" ("nobody likes a tom man"), Klein writes about femininity with an outsider's eye.

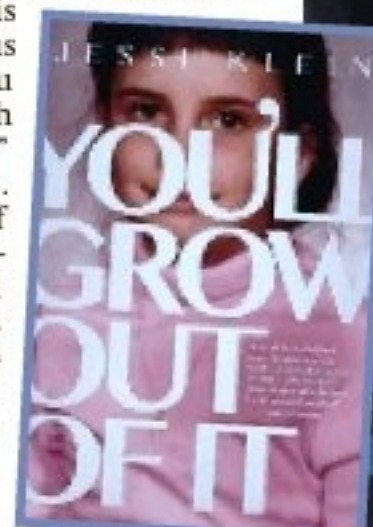
She observes that women are divided into poodles (Angelina Jolie) and wolves (Sandra Bullock), depending on a checklist of so-called feminine traits (poodles always wear matching bras and underwear, while wolves own two bras, and neither match their "tattered old Gap underwear.")

She also confesses an enduring love for Anthropologie and *The Bachelor* and dislike for a culture that suggests the bathtub is the only place a woman is allowed to find peace.

While Klein reveals her specific experiences as a woman, and certainly *Inside Amy Schumer* is touted as a feminist breakthrough, she says the book was not intended to be political. "I am very much a proud feminist, but I wouldn't say that was the word in my head as I was writing," she says.

You'll Grow Out of It took her three years to complete, during which time Klein became pregnant, and found herself waking up at 4 a.m. to sneak in time to write — a process she recalls as being physically and mentally draining. Klein openly discusses the invasive tests and procedures she went through in trying to have her baby, and makes a pretty compelling case for getting an epidural.

"I wanted to write about it in a variety of tones because some of it is so ridiculous that if you don't laugh you'll cry," she says. "But some of it is uncomfortable and horrendous that you do just cry. I wanted to share that stuff as well."



Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Amy Schumer and Jessi Klein, photo-bombed by comedian Bridget Everett, attend the premiere party for the third season of *Inside Amy Schumer* in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Who is Harry Hole?

A brilliant detective with the Oslo Police Force who will do whatever it takes to catch a killer no matter the cost to himself. A heavy drinker who manages to stay sober most of the time. A lost cause you want to save.

Readers have fallen in love with Harry: Over 25 million copies sold worldwide.

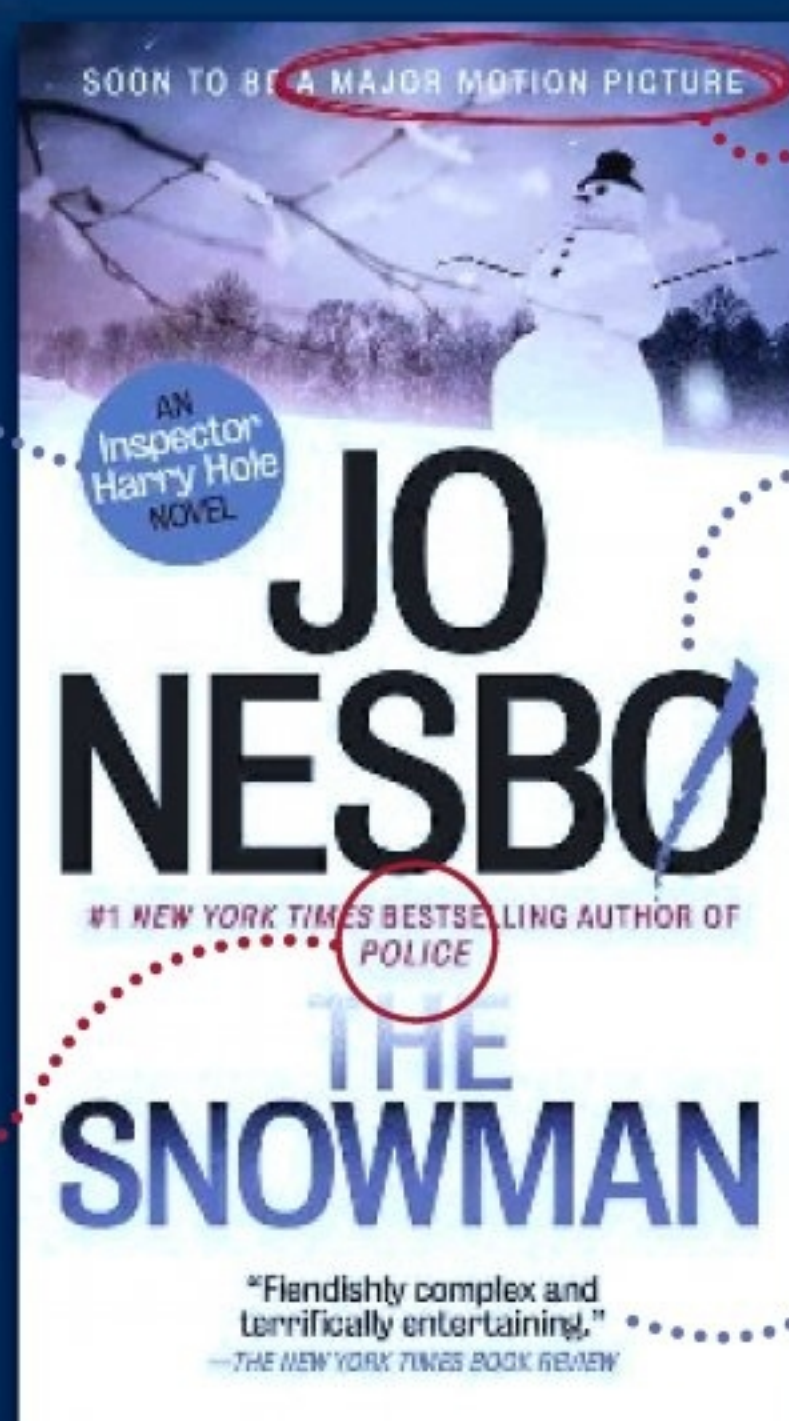
Bet you can't read just one...

And you don't have to, because there are nine more. *The Bat*, *Cockroaches*, *The Redbreast*, *Nemesis*, *The Devil's Star*, *The Redeemer*, *The Leopard*, *Phantom*, and *Police*

#JoNesbo



Penguin
Random House
Canada



The Snowman

Michael Fassbender will play Harry in the upcoming movie adaptation, also starring Rebecca Ferguson and Charlotte Gainsbourg.



How do you pronounce Jo's name?

Like "you." Yes, really. And Jo says that the "o" in Nesbo sounds like the "o" in Inspector Clouseau's pronunciation of "bomb." But you can call him Joe.

Who else is wild about Harry?

Besides the *New York Times*, there's CNN, Michael Connelly, James Ellroy, and Patti Smith, to name a few. But Linwood Barclay says it best:

"Many authors know how to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. Jo Nesbo's one of the few who keeps them there."



MEET THE CONDO

Urban living made easy

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Project overview

With construction set to begin in spring 2017, Gorsebrook Park is designed to offer residents unparalleled luxury. Residents will be treated to spacious units with nine-foot floor-to-ceiling windows, framing Halifax's natural landscape.

Housing amenities

In addition to executive concierge service, Gorsebrook Park amenities will include an outdoor salt water pool overlooking Gorsebrook public park and an outdoor lounge featuring gas fire pits. Suites are designed with urban living in mind ranging from single-person units to two-level townhomes.

Location and transit

Located at the centre of the Halifax's tree-lined south end, Gorsebrook Park is set in one of Halifax's most historic areas. Residents will have easy access to public transit and are a short walk to downtown restaurants and shopping as well as hospitals and universities.

In the neighbourhood

The sleepy south end is within walking distance from the bustling core while being set apart in its own quiet setting. The area is home to a diverse community ranging from established Haligonians to young professionals. Gorsebrook Park is mere minutes from scenic Point Pleasant Park on the tip of the peninsula.

+ NEED TO KNOW

What: Gorsebrook Park
Builder: Marco Maritimes
Location: Wellington St.
Building: Eight and 10 storeys featuring suites and townhomes
Sizes: From 460 sq. ft to 1500 sq. ft.
Pricing: \$249,900 to \$785,000

Model: 164 suites; one bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedrooms, three bedrooms, three bedrooms plus den and two-level townhomes
Status: Pre-sales underway
Sales centre: 1034 Wellington St.

DIY

Add coastal charm to your decor with this pretty project



Create a watery palette of greens, blues and whites with sea glass. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Whether your beachcombing is seaside or lakeside, pretty tumbled glass can often be found if you keep an eye on the shoreline.

Step 1: Gather the supplies

We used beach glass collected from trips to the shore; however, you can also buy faux sea glass at craft stores.

You'll need:

- Unfinished wood tray
- Sea glass
- Pre-mixed tile adhesive & grout
- Small butter knife for spreading adhesive or trowel

- Rubber grout float or rubber spatula for applying grout
- Toothpick or bamboo skewer for removing excess grout
- Sponge, bowl and water

Step 2: Apply adhesive

Use the flat edge of the knife to apply a thin layer of adhesive onto the wood tray. Immediately add more adhesive and use the notched edge to distribute the adhesive, moving in one direction.

Step 3: Press glass into place

Starting in one corner, press the first piece of sea glass in place.

Repeat with all of the glass. Pressing into place and ensuring each is as level as possible. Make sure to leave space between the pieces of glass for grout lines. Use a toothpick or bamboo skewer to remove any excess adhesive that may ooze between the glass. Let the glass set for 24 hours.

Step 4: Apply grout

Using a rubber spatula, apply grout to the glass, pushing it gently into the grout lines. Ensure that the grout fills the lines.

Step 5: Clean off excess grout

Fill a bowl with water, dampen a sponge with it and then remove excess grout from glass, smoothing out the grout as you go. Let the grout set according to the product specifications before removing the cloudy looking grout haze from the glass. We waited approximately four hours.

Step 6: Second cleaning

Using a damp sponge, once again clean off any haze from the grout that remains on the glass. Let grout dry for 24 hours before handling your tray.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Former Washington Capitals GM George McPhee has been hired by NHL's expansion Las Vegas franchise to build the team from scratch

Johnson at top of his game

BRITISH OPEN PREVIEW

Long hitter coming off pair of wins in the last month

The smile spoke louder than anything Dustin Johnson had to say Wednesday at the British Open.

His game has never been better. Just one month ago, Johnson was known as golf's best athlete who had won every year he has been on the PGA Tour — the longest streak since Tiger Woods — but who had everything go wrong in the majors.

Now he's the U.S. Open champion and a favourite at the British Open who can move to No. 1 in the world with a victory.

But that's not what brought the biggest smile.

It was a question about whether he could think of anything that stressed him out.

Anyone who has spent time around the 32-year-old American during his eight years and 11 victories on tour — and finally, a major — knows Johnson doesn't get too worked up over anything. Not the two-shot penalty on the final hole of the 2010 PGA Championship for grounding his club in a bunker ("I still don't think that was a bunker," he said). Not the three-putt from 12 feet that cost him a shot at the U.S. Open last year.

Not even a peculiar decision by the USGA at Oakmont last



Dustin Johnson blasts out of a bunker in Troon, Scotland, on Wednesday. The British Open gets underway Thursday. STUART FRANKLIN/GETTY IMAGES

month in which officials told him he might be penalized one stroke after his round, meaning Johnson had to play the last seven holes not knowing his own score. He played them in even par to win by three.

Another question: has the attention as

a major champion been difficult to manage?

He smiled. "I haven't noticed," Johnson said.

son said.

Johnson is that rare breed of golfer who can manage to entertain without being all

I know I'll give myself a chance again. It's just up to me to learn from the mistakes of that Sunday afternoon and bring that into the next one. Shane Lowry went through the whole gamut of emotions after throwing away a four-shot lead in the final round of U.S. Open last month



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+ HIGH PRAISE

Coming off victories in the U.S. Open and a World Golf Championship, Johnson has moved past Jordan Spieth to No. 2 in the world.

"There's not an individual here ... very surprised by what's going on," defending British Open champion Zach Johnson said. "He's a supreme athlete, and it just so happens that his sport — for all of us, unfortunately — is golf. Very talented. I mean, we talk about his prowess. There's not that many guys that can do what he does."

that revealing.

Even so, his level of comfort was never more evident, particularly when he finished his 20-minute news conference. Walking down from the stage, he plopped his six-foot-four frame on the top step and held court with a small group of reporters to talk about his strategy at Royal Troon, his equipment change for a week of links golf (a 2-iron and 3-iron, only three wedges) and how many shots he has to give his future father-in-law, hockey great Wayne Gretzky, when they play.

"He won't play with me," Johnson said. "He only plays if he can be my partner."

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OLYMPICS

Canada gunning for 19 medals

The Canadian Olympic team is confident it can reach its goal of winning at least 19 medals at the Rio Olympics.

"Our primary goal is to win more medals than we won in London (in 2012), so 19 or higher will achieve that important goal," Anne Merklinger, CEO of the Own The Podium program said Wednesday on a conference call. "Our ultimate goal is to finish in the top 12 in total nation medal counts."

"We know that every medal will matter and it is an extremely tight medal race."

By top 12, Merklinger was referring to total medals, regardless of colour. The International Olympic Committee gives priority to gold medals in its standings, so Canada was nowhere near the top 12 in London with 18 total medals, but only one gold.

315

The projected number of athletes Canada will send to Rio.

But she said boosting the medal count is a realistic goal based on performances in recent years, especially the athletics squad that took eight medals at its last world championships.

She said the current team is healthier, better funded and better coached.

"Athletics heads into Rio as Canada's strongest multi-medal potential sport," she said. "In addition, diving, swimming, cycling and women's wrestling also have strong multiple-medal potential."

"Secondly, Canada heads to the Games with more top-threes, top-fives and top-eights than we had heading into the 2012 Games — approximately 15 per cent more — and this is significant."

Also, Canada had five squads that qualified for the Games in team sports, matching its most ever, first achieved in 1984. The women's rugby sevens team has perhaps the best medal hopes.

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NFL

Air sucked out of Tom Brady's appeal

A federal appeals court has rejected Tom Brady's attempt to get a new hearing on his "Deflategate" suspension.

Brady was asking for the full 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear the case. In April, a three-judge panel said that NFL commissioner Roger Goodell was within his powers when he suspended the star quarterback four games for his role in a scheme to doctor the footballs used in a Jan. 18, 2015, playoff game.



Tom Brady
GETTY IMAGES

a setback for organized labour groups arguing for due process in employee discipline.

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The decision Wednesday affirms the wide-ranging powers given to the commissioner by the NFL's collective bargaining agreement and was

IN BRIEF

Cowboys valued at \$4B

The Dallas Cowboys are the first sports franchise worth \$4 billion US, according to Forbes.

In its annual rankings, Forbes placed the Cowboys ahead of Real Madrid and Barcelona after the NFL team had a 25 per cent increase in value.

Champions League winner Real dropped to the second spot at \$3.65 billion, followed by its archrival Barcelona at 3.55 billion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HEALTH

Games not likely to spread Zika: Study

The upcoming Olympic games are not likely to have a major impact on the spread of Zika virus, although four developing countries could face a substantially higher risk, according to a new government estimate.

U.S. researchers tried to calculate whether the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro will lead to outbreaks that wouldn't have happened otherwise. The danger is that infected travellers might be bitten by mosquitoes and return to their home na-

tions, which would potentially spread Zika to other people and spark an outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that 19 countries that currently do not have Zika have the right conditions for outbreaks if it is imported by people returning from the Olympics.

But in only four of the 19 countries is the issue considered substantial: Yemen, Chad, Djibouti and Eritrea.

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RECIPE Mediterranean Pasta



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We love roasted vegetables and this pasta dish shows them off, alongside salty artichokes and plucked-from-the-garden sweet basil.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2 red pepper, seeded and cut into wedges
- 1 red onion, cut into wedges
- 3 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained, rinsed, and quartered lengthwise
- 3 small ripe tomatoes, quartered
- A handful of fresh basil leaves
- 3 tablespoons of parmesan
- 1/2 lb dry pasta

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scatter the peppers, red onion and garlic in a roasting tin. Sprinkle with sugar, drizzle over the oil and season with salt and pepper.

2. Roast for 15 minutes, toss in the tomatoes and artichokes and roast for another 15 minutes until everything is soft and golden brown.

3. While the veggies are roasting, cook the pasta in salted boiling water. Cook according to package instructions. Drain well.

4. Remove the veggies from the oven, tip in the pasta and toss. Tear the basil leaves on top and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

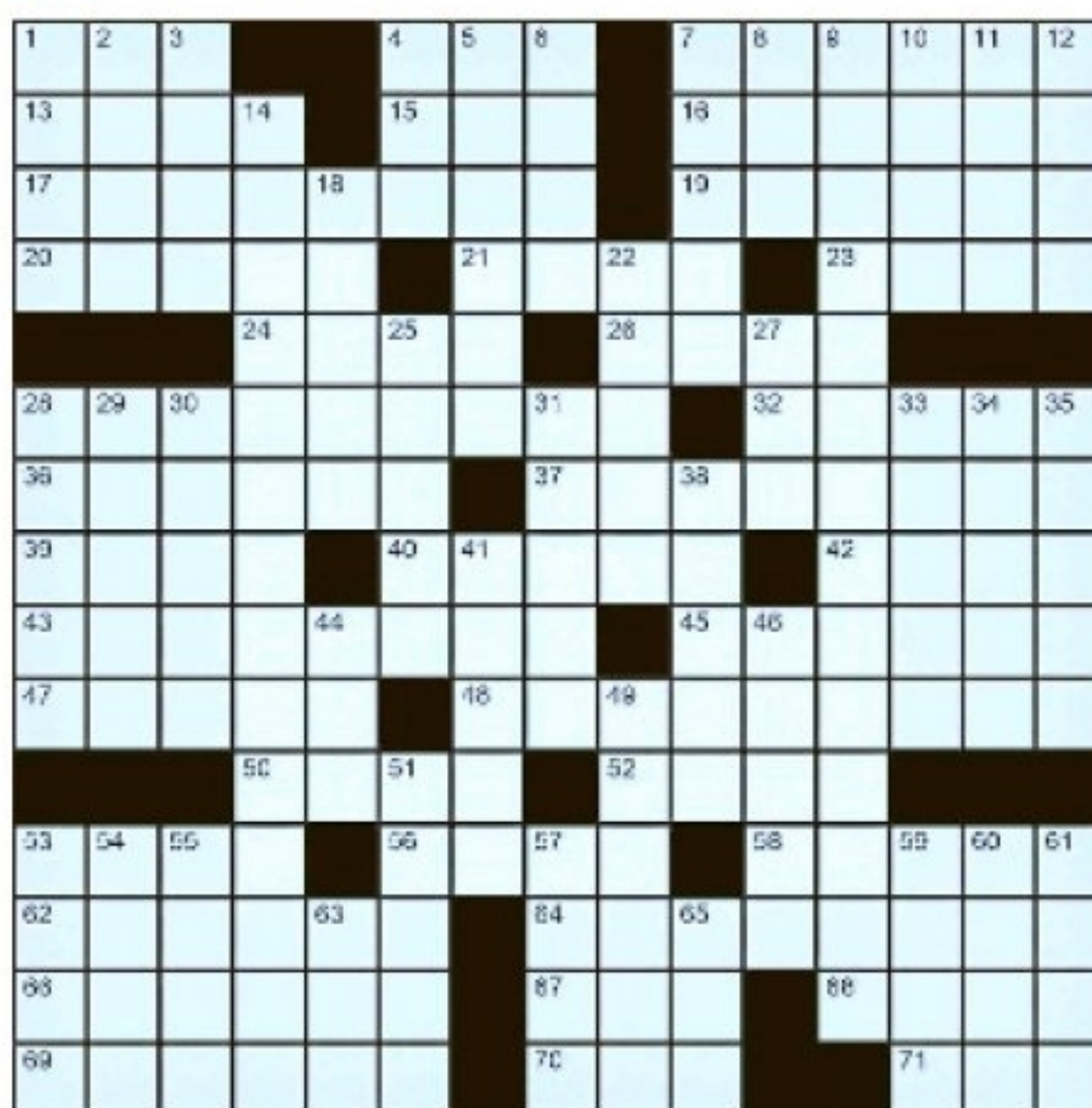
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ACROSS

1. ' _ _ in Virden
4. Naja Haje
7. Abhor
13. Writer Ms. LeShan, and others
15. Tea: French
16. Storage for a bowler or a bonnet
17. Where to buy souvenirs at the museum: 2 wds.
19. 2003 Sam Roberts album: 'We Were Born in _ _'
20. Sound from a miffed pirate
21. Expends
23. Ancient Greece's war god
24. Aristocratic title
26. Anguish
28. Honours
32. Begin
36. Anchored at the wharf
37. Accumulator of information
39. First edition, e.g.
40. Scent
42. Mr. Gooding Jr.
43. Recommendation, as for a doctor
45. 'The Talented Mr. _ _' (1999)
47. Cheeky
48. Bonuses for TV rerun stars
50. Hand over power
52. Newbie
53. Ruffian
56. Medieval chest
58. Volunteer
62. Preserve, as tradition
64. New movie's red carpet event
66. Brought up



67. Prefix meaning 'Air' or 'Gas'
68. Pinpoint
69. Spectre-ish
70. Belonging to English writer Mr. Lewis (b.1898 - d.1963)
71. Heavy wts.

DOWN

1. 'Luka' singer Suzanne
2. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
3. Johannes-burg, _ _
4. Sports fig.
5. Ought
6. Sprightliness

7. Capital of Tibet
8. LummoX
9. Newfoundland's provincial bird: 2 wds.
10. Up-the-slopes ride
11. Baseball plate
12. Splitsville stars
14. Red-on-white-back-ground symbol atop

- Alberta's provincial shield: 3 wds.
18. Sedimentary rock
22. _ salts
25. 'M*A*S*H' character
27. Web connect-or, for short
28. Belonging to ancient

- Rome's god of love
29. Chick of jazz music
30. Salon styles
31. School: French
33. Gene Vincent's 1956 rocker: 'Be-Bop- _ _'
34. Riot
35. Cafeteria items to slide along whilst picking out items
38. Opera legend Ms. Callas
41. Pinker in the steak's middle
44. The Catcher in the _ (J.D. Salinger novel)
46. Manner of speaking
49. Drummer's purchases
51. 'Big _ _' (1999) starring Adam Sandler
53. Town, colloquially
54. Moonfish
55. 'Yummy Yummy Yummy': 1968 novelty hit for The _ Express
57. Canadian politics channel
59. Amazing accomplishment
60. CNN anchor Ms. Burnett
61. Reunion attendees, e.g.
63. Tennis call
65. Urns and Hmms ...and Whats?

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
In discussions about inheritances and shared property, you have strong ideas today! You intend to fight for your rights or the rights of someone else.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Guard against outbursts of anger today, either on your part or the part of someone else, because people are opinionated! Everyone wants to give you a piece of their mind. (Yikes!)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will need to be patient with coworkers today, because people are easily upset. Someone might be moody, aggressive or impulsive. (Walk softly and carry a big cellphone.)

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Romantic partners might quarrel today because someone is emotionally upset. Parents will have to be patient with children. (It only takes a minute.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Domestic arguments might break out today because someone, probably a female family member, is upset. Remember: Patience is the antidote to anger.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Guard against knee-jerk reactions when talking to others today. You don't want to say something that you'll later regret, which is very easy to do today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A heated discussion about cash flow, money or possessions might take place today. Be careful, because your emotions will overrule your logic. Think before you speak.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today you will say what you mean and mean what you say, because you feel courageous and you have strong opinions. Be wise and think before you speak.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy to do research or find behind-the-scenes solutions today. If you are searching for something, you won't stop until you find what you are looking for. You'll be relentless.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A female friend will be feisty today! If things are touch-and-go, this is a poor day to mention anything that could lead to an argument.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Relations with your boss (or a parent) will be emotional today. If you aren't happy, this is not the day to express your grievances or ask for permission or approval. Wait for another day.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid controversial subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because people are just too emotional. More than that, they want to express their opinions! Easy does it.

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